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Journalist Paul Greenberg spoke to New York City's NPR station, WNYC, and described Bristol Bay as a salmon breadbasket. The "Four Fish" author, who just returned from a trip to Bristol Bay with other food leaders, discussed the threats to the fishery from the sulfur-laden Pebble Mine deposit.

As of July 1, 20 million salmon have been harvested in waters across the state of Alaska. Bristol Bay sockeye account for nearly half of those – 9.5 million – with 1,400 boats in the water giving chase. At the same time, a new statewide survey found that a huge supermajority of Alaskans say salmon are an essential part of Alaska's economy and identity – stronger results than anticipated. The survey found:

93% said it's important to protect Bristol Bay.

96% said salmon are essential to the Alaskan way of life, and 97% said salmon are important to Alaska's economy.

89% of Alaskans said it's important to maintain funding for salmon conservation, even in tough economic times.

Earlier in June, Rep. Don Young (R-AK) moved legislation to bar genetically modified salmon, aka "frankenfish," through Congress, finding wide support from commercial fishermen and Alaskans.

Southeast tribal representatives met last week in Juneau to discuss environmental priorities. There, representatives of Alaska Youth for Environmental Action – made up of about 45% Alaska Native teens – said their campaign to protect salmon includes combating Pebble Mine and frankenfish initiatives.

On the opposition front, Pebble is clearly cultivating a new slew of advocates, including Jason Moser of the Koch brothers-funded Americans for Prosperity. He takes copper-dependent "greens" to task for opposing Pebble Mine, but forgets to mention the churches, tribes, commercial fishermen, sportsmen, local elected officials and others who oppose Pebble Mine.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see [www.SaveBristolBay.org](http://www.SaveBristolBay.org)

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**Last Chance Foods: The Wild Side of Salmon**

Joy Y. Wang

WNYC

There's good news and bad news coming from Alaska and it doesn't have anything to do with politics. First, the good news: it is wild salmon season. Wild salmon have just started to swim upstream ... [Click here to read more or listen](#)

**Statewide wild salmon harvest nears 20 million fish**

The Arctic Sounder

While most of America celebrated Independence Day with parades, picnics and fireworks, Bristol Bay fishermen cast their nets out under overcast skies for more wild sockeye salmon, the bulk of a 2011 statewide harvest of nearly 20 million fish to date... [Click here to read more](#)

**Alaskans voice strong support for salmon habitat**

Tundra Drums

A new poll by the Alaska chapter of The Nature Conservancy of some 500 registered voters shows overwhelming statewide support for policies protecting salmon habitat across the state. Ninety-six percent of Alaskans surveyed said salmon are essential to the Alaskan way of life... [Click here to read more](#)

**Tribal environmental conference attracts elders, youth**

Ed Schoenfeld

KFSK

Southeast tribal representatives met in Juneau this (last) week to discuss environmental issues and programs. The four-day conference attracted about 40 people who talked about traditional knowledge, recycling and working with government agencies... [Click here to read more or listen](#)

**Greens favor copper products, oppose copper mining**

Joseph Moser

Daily Caller

A major mineral discovery has been made near Bristol Bay, Alaska, about 200 miles southwest of Anchorage... [Click here to read more](#)

**House backs Young's move to bar genetically modified salmon**

Mary Clare Jalonick

Anchorage Daily News

The House voted Wednesday to prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from approving genetically modified salmon for human consumption... [Click here to read more](#)

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